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Schuurman speaks of Christian thinking

Dr. Egbert Schuurman, a visiting lecturer from the Netherlands, spoke on the campus of Dordt College three weeks ago. He presented a series of lectures that were essentially a continuation of the book he wrote, Reflections on a Technological Society.

Dr. Schuurman is a lecturer at three university's in the Netherlands. He lectures at the Technological University of Delft, at the Technological University of Eindhoven, and at the Free University in Amsterdam. How does he do it? He even says it's too much. "But I have to do it," he told a Diamond reporter.

Dr. Schuurman began his

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formal training in the civil engineering field. He became a professional civil engineer after five years of study at the Technological University of Delft. As a civil engineer he worked at several places in Holland and also worked as a lecturer in civil engineering and soil mechanics at the Technological University of Delft. After a few years in the civil engineering field he went back to school. He studied at the Free University for four years to get a Masters degree in philosophy. Dr. Schuurman then studied for a few years again, for his doctors thesis in philosophy and technology.

Dr. Schuurman began his series at Dordt on Thursday, August 30. The lecture was entitled, Futurology and Escatology; on Monday, September 3 he addressed the topic of Scientism; and, on Tuesday, September 4 his lecture was entitled Technicism and the Computer. While he was at Dordt he also spoke at a Bridge discussion, before the student body in Chapel, and before the faculty that same Tuesday evening.

In his lectures here at Dordt, Dr. Schuurman looked at modern thinking about the future (which he called Futurology), and confronted it with Christian thinking about the future (which he called Escatology). Both types of thinking come from totally opposite motives.

Humanistic, modern thinking (Futurology) is concentrated and directed on man himself. This power motive, says Schuurman, is the main cause of alienation in our culture; alienation between God and man, man and man, man and nature, and also between man and himself.

Christian thinking is based on the motive of love, a motive that is given direction by God in His Word. The love motive is a motive that is directed toward God, toward one's neighbor, and toward nature. We have to accept the principle, says Schuurman, that same principle to nature. "We can't love things when they are universal and uniform," Schuurman said in his interview.

Along with the love motive, Schuurman stressed another important Christian principle--the prin-



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ciple of listening to the Word of God. He says we are to listen to what the Word of God directs us to do, and then live it out in our own lives.

A big part of today's technology is nuclear weapons and the arms race. The Diamond asked Dr. Schuurman what he thought of that situation. Dr. Schuurman's answer to that question, and a few others following, brings into clearer focus what he means by the Christian principles of love and listening. Schuurman: I always thought, like most Reformed people thought, that we have to develop nuclear weapons because the U.S.S.R. is developing them; and we have to state in answer to your question that it is an enormous blessing to have liberty and spiritual freedom.

Secondly, if there would be a war between Russia and the free world, it would be a justified

war because we would be protecting our freedom. But, in a justified war you cannot use every means. You have to listen to the Bible and think normatively about the means you use in war. When I listen to the Bible about the means we are to use in War, God says you have to be merciful. The fruit trees aren't to be harmed so that it is possible to eat after the war. It also says in the Old Testament not to murder child-bearing women, because we need a new generation after the war. It is clear to me then, that even when the war is justified, it does not mean that we can use all means.

The goal does not justify the means.

It is my deep conviction that we have to think about this more and more. We haven't done it yet. We have accepted

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Guest editorial

Summer months have sped by and once again faculty and students have slipped into another semester of study at Dordt College. Activities such as registration, freshman orientations, bar-b-ques, and the Okoboji retreat have given way to concentrated study.

As we buckle down to another semester's work, we students and faculty do well to remind ourselves of our goals at Dordt. As freshmen, upperclassmen, and teachers alike, we should ask ourselves once again, "Why are we here?"

The answer appears obvious: students are here to learn; teachers are here to teach. But the question "Why are we here?" deserves a more complete answer. Teachers must consider why, what, and how they will teach; students should evaluate why, what, and how they will learn.

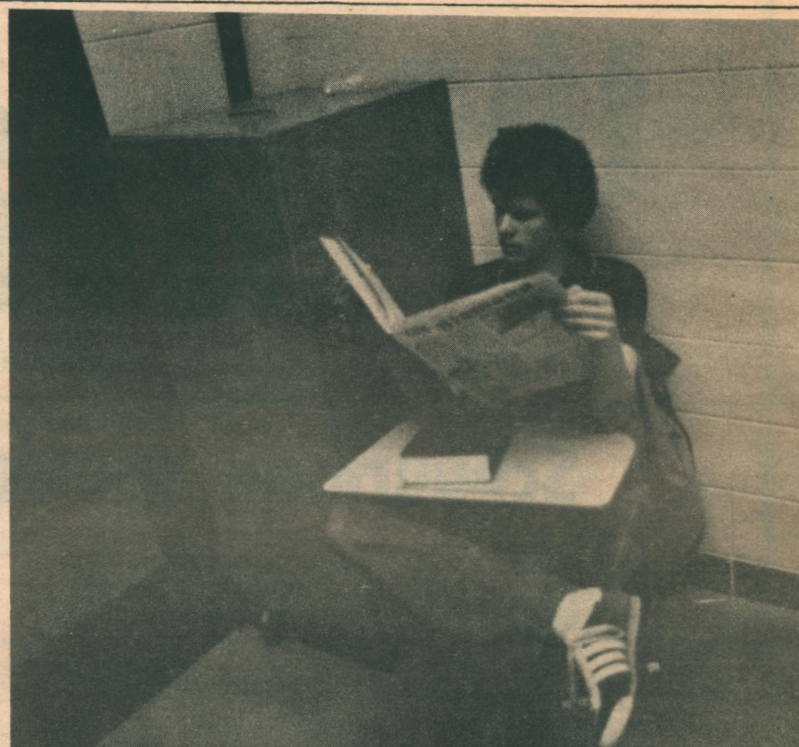
In order to answer these questions, students and teachers need each other. We must define our goals together, always forming and reforming our aims according to the guidelines of God's will.

Basic to a Christian educational system must be a commonly shared commitment to study all things in relation to God's Word. When students and teachers realize the common commitment that they share, they will try to discover God's norms for all areas of study, including economics, physical education, politics, theology, philosophy, etc.

Our studies should then be characterized as a community effort. We should be studying not in competition with each other, but in cooperation with each other. And being a community-type project, our exuberance for Christian study should overflow from the classrooms and become a vital part of our extra-curricular activities as well. Positive interaction between groups of students, and between students and faculty members, can take place at tables in the SUB, at Bridge discussion meetings, by means of the Diamond, and even over a late-night cup of coffee in the dorms.

If we students and teachers can continue to develop a sharing-community attitude towards our studies, the question "Why are we here?" will become a more and more enjoyable one to answer.

by Bill Koopmans and John Pater



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Counseling Center...more than Dear Abby

by Lavonne Nannenga

A newly organized Counseling Center is now located in the SUB basement. Its coordinator is Mr. Quentin Van Essen, a 1970 Dordt graduate who has been teaching for nine years in Prinsburg, Minnesota. Besides teaching, Van Essen received his Master's degree in counseling from the St. Cloud University of Minnesota. Having counseled high school students, when Dordt offered him the challenge here, he accepted.

Who is the counseling for? Any student who has any problem. Students are

not limited to dorm R.A.'s and Rev. Hulst if they have a need.

A major part of Van Essen's job is to coordinate the available counselors here on campus. The Dean of Students staff includes Rev. Hulst, Jay Van Groningen, Karen Helder, Quentin Van Essen, and Professor Ken Bussema.

A student can simply contact the Counseling Center by phoning extension 112, and he will be referred to one of the staff members. The problem might be personal, academic, or vocational.

The Counseling Center is also working with "career awareness and counseling." Van Essen says, "It's refreshing to work with college students." He says they have goals or careers in mind but often need to know more about opportunities. Van Essen's aim is to make students aware of information on careers available in the Center.

Dordt has long been placing its teacher education students. Van Essen is glad that now he can be of service in helping place non-education majors. Interested stu-

dents will receive help in filling out applications and resumes. Then his staff will arrange for interviews, especially with Christian employers.

Van Essen says the Center is perhaps not as strategically located as desired, but the services are as centralized as possible this year. He says the staff wants to get to know the students so they can help them at any time. He wants the Counseling Center to be the first place students will look to when they want someone to talk to or help them with a problem.

nuclear weapons as a God-given fact. We have forgotten to think of it in a normative way.

By the sounds of it, Dr. Schuurman is suggesting that we stop producing nuclear weapons. With Russia holding to the Marxist dream of having power over the whole world, Russia would continue moving ahead with its nuclear weapon development. Eventually, we would probably be taken over, or not? The future doesn't look very optimistic, or does it?

Schuurman:

When I listen to what God is saying to us, we will

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weapons...

yes to God's Word

say no to nuclear weapons if we at the same time say yes to the Word of God and to obedience to Him. If we fulfill such conditions, the Bible promises us that there will be peaceful people. That's stronger, much stronger, than nuclear weapons. Everyone will probably say that I am crazy, but it only seems as if I am crazy. We have to see the promises of God with the enlightened eyes of our heart. Nowhere in the Bible do we see God send-

ing a war to a country that is in love and peace with Him. We have to stress that our weapon is a spiritual weapon, especially because the weapon which the Russians would use in such a war is a demonic one. Remember, I am not against the war, the war can be justified. But in the situation at present, I say no.

In the interview Dr. Schuurman also talked about the norm of rest for nature. It is based in large part on God's command to let the land rest every seventh year and every fiftieth year, the year of jubilee. How can we observe that in today's day and age?

Schuurman:

We have to accept it as a guideline. For example, why do we use our cars the whole year round, day and night? In 1974 in the Netherlands we had a carless Sunday. Once we got new oil again though, the problem was forgotten. But we can do it, if we want to do it. We have to accept that recreation of nature is a necessary condition for us to live as well. If we don't accept it as a norm it may be that we will be forced to do it, perhaps via a catastrophe.

These changes that Dr. Schuurman is talking about are quite challenging. Where do we begin in our quest to live normatively?

Schuurman:

I think a Christian view which includes love and listening, also includes

beginning very small. We must begin in our own life, in our own family, in our own Christian community. We always think that the solution of the problem will come from our neighbor, and we will have the fruits of their work. But that's not the way we should think. From that starting point of beginning very small, we will affect all fields of activity in our lives: education, science, economics, etc. From that starting point we can serve in love; we can listen.

Dr. Schuurman did not come to North America just to lecture at Dordt. After his lecture series here he left for Jackson, Mississippi and the Reformed Theological Seminary there. After that he traveled to Trinity Christian College and Calvin College, and

concluded his lecture tour at Gordon College in Boston this week. Then, back home to his family and work. Thank-you Dr. Schuurman for some enlightening discussions.

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New professors expand faculty

by Mark Poehner



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Newcomers to the Dordt faculty this year are Mr. Charles Adams, Mrs. Lillian Grissen, Mr. Robert Hilbelink, Mr. James Mahaffy, Mrs. Gloria Stronks, Dr. William Stronks, and part time instructor Mr. Myron Toering.

Mr. Adams, from the Paterson, New Jersey area, is replacing Rev. Hodgson in the Science department this year, but will be devoting himself to developing an Engineering department next year upon Hodgson's return. "I am thankful for the opportunity to work out a reformatinal approach to science and technology," he states. "I've been trying to get here for nine years."

Adams taught science courses at Eastern Christian High School eight years, after working three years as an analytical engineer in heat transfer for Pratten Whitney Aircraft in New Jersey.

Mrs. Grissen, whose home has been in Denver and Phoenix for the last twenty years, is a new addition to the Communication faculty. She is also advisor for the school's three publications, the Cannon, the Signet, and the Diamond. Grissen has been teaching English in grammar school and high school for fourteen years.

Mr. Hilbelink comes to us from Evansville, Wisconsin, where he's been working as an accountant for the last eighteen years. He will be

teaching accounting and auditing for Dordt's business department. Hilbelink has taught accounting before on a part-time basis for Milton College in Wisconsin.

Mr. Mahaffy just moved from Champaign, Illinois where he's been participating in a teaching assistantship at the University of Illinois, Urbana.

Prior to his move to Champaign seven years ago, Mahaffy taught science at Unity Christian High School in Orange City. He is a Dordt graduate.

Mahaffy is teaching several courses in the biology department here.

Mr. Toering, although teaching only on a part-time basis this year, is also an addition to the business department. From Hospers, Iowa, he comes to us after teaching accounting at the University of Iowa, and working as an accountant and as a legal intern. He is teaching Tax and Business Law. Mrs. Gloria Stronks is a welcome addition to the education department. She has come with her husband, Dr. William Stronks, from Palos Heights, Illinois. There she was a reading specialist at Chicago Christian School and Roseland Christian School.

Dr. William Stronks, originally from the Netherlands, is working for the language department. He is director of the

Netherlands-Study Abroad program which formerly was sponsored by Trinity Christian College. Dr. Stronks taught at Trinity for twelve years. He has also taught at Western Kentucky University.

Two other newcomers to Dordt are Dr. Mckendre R. Langley, and Dr. Rockne McCarthy who are appointed to the new Lectureship Center.

Langley is from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and southern New Jersey, and has taught history at Barrington College in Rhode Island, Gordon College in Massachusetts, Free University of Amsterdam, and Reformed Theological Seminary in Mississippi. Dr. Langley occupies the Abraham Kuyper Chair.

Dr. Rockne McCarthy, Visiting Lecturer, just came from sabbatical at Calvin College. He has taught history at Trinity for the past ten years. He is also executive secretary of the APJ.

Returning faculty members this year are Mr. Kenneth Bussema, Mr. Hugh Cook, Dr. Leonard Rhoda, and Dr. Daryl Vander Kooi.

Bussema was at Northern Arizona University to work on his Educational Doctorate in psychology. He expects to finish this coming spring. He has returned to the psychology department and is assisting Rev. Hulst in the Counseling Center.

Cook just finished a two year graduate program at the University of Iowa,

receiving his Master of Fine Arts degree in writing fiction. Although he was gone only one year, he had worked several summers at the university's writers' workshop, thus enabling him to finish this year.

Rhoda was in Provo, Utah, finishing his doctorate in Physical Education. Upon his return to Dordt, he is taking on such responsibilities as women's basketball coach and men's tennis coach.

Vander Kooi was gone one year to Montana State University where he finished his doctorate in Curriculum and Instruction related to Speech Communication. He returns to the communication department at Dordt.

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APJ conference urges "Justice for All"

by John Pater

The Third International Christian Political Conference was held on the campus of Dordt College the weekend of August 24-27, 1979. This conference, as well as its two predecessors, was sponsored by the Association for Public Justice (APJ).

As is stated in its constitution, the APJ is guided by the "biblical revelation of the restoration of the creation in Jesus Christ, through whom justice is promised for all." The APJ sees that "Public Justice" is the biblically normative calling of the state. This all tied in very closely to the theme of this year's Christian Political Conference, "Justice for All: The Right of Political Participation."

Christian politics must exist!

The conference focused on problems of political participation and representation in countries around the world. It looked at questions such as: Are minority groups adequately represented in the American system? How do citizens participate politically in other countries? What should Christians be doing to make a proper contribution to the contemporary political process?

The conference opened in the afternoon of Friday, August 24, with the keynote address given by Dr. H. Evan Runner, Professor of Philosophy at Calvin College. Dr. Runner spoke of the need for a Christian political movement to help direct government policy. Earlier in his speech he had said that at the fall, man did not want justice or righteousness, but Christ came to bring back justice and righteousness. He then said that God gave man authority and

responsibility to carry out that justice and righteousness, especially we as Christians, who understand what the Scriptures demand of us.

Michael Novak, a syndicated columnist with the Washington Star, and a renowned novelist, spoke at the Friday evening banquet. He examined the problems our society has and why they developed. At the close of his speech Novak emphasized American society's need for a theory of direction.

Saturday, conferees heard four speakers tell of areas of the world where there is not "Justice for All: The Right of Political Participation." Robert Martin, of the Makah Indian tribe in northwest Washington, spoke of how the American motto, "E Pluribus Unum" ("one composed of many"), denied the uniqueness of all the different groups in our society. Martin called for a rejection of the "melting pot" idea, and an affirmation of cultural pluralism, in which each group would be given the right to express its own uniqueness.

John Perkins of Voice of Calvary Ministries, told of the discrimination he saw and felt. Rev. Perkins asked for full participation for all groups, in the light of the Scripture. He spoke of the need to have a Daniel in our society to call our socio-economic world back into order. That role of Daniel, he felt, should be filled by the church--a people called out to proclaim the year of our Lord.

Hans Borstlop, from the Abraham Kuyper Foundation in the Hague, the Netherlands, spoke of his home situation and also of his impressions of the North American political systems. Borstlop said that in North America, parties only want

to win elections; they do not deal with ideological themes. He also criticized regional representation. Borstlop says representatives should be elected because of ideological and philosophical similarities with the people they would represent.

Saturday evening, the Chief Minister of the Kwazulu tribe in South Africa spoke. Chief Gatsha Buthelezi stressed the racial problem in his country and of the "apartheid" policy of the government there. Buthelezi was convinced that through dialogue, not violence, justice and peace could come. He said, though, that we have to pray for a change in the hearts of men before full participation can take place.

America is not the Kingdom!

Tom Skinner, president of Tom Skinner Associates, addressed a full audience at the Sunday afternoon rally in the Dordt Chapel. He stated that we must reject the myth that God is on our side, and that anyone opposing us is against God. "America is not the Kingdom," he said. Skinner challenged his audience by saying there was not one

constituency in America that lives out Christianity. He concluded by saying that it is the function of God's people to "sit where injustice lies rampant."

On Monday morning, as on Saturday and Sunday afternoons, discussion groups met to discuss the speeches. The conference closed Monday with the final address by Rockne McCarthy, now a member of the Dordt College Lectureship Institute. He summarized the conference and went on to say we need not only Christians in politics, but Christians practicing Christian politics.

He said that full participation of each group in a state requires proportional justice. He noted the difficulty in assuming the state is made up of a homogeneous people. Each group in a state must be given some voice in both national and local issues. He called for a change in our present political system--a change from proportional representation to proportional justice, from a winner-take-all philosophy to full participation for all.

McCarthy concluded his speech and the conference with the challenge, "Christian politics must exist!"

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"Decisions" was theme of '79 Retreat

by Deb Butler

"Decisions...decisions...decided" was the theme of this year's Dordt College Retreat led by the Theater

skits to show that an objective is necessary before a decision can be made. Later in the evening

the life-saver, or sleep. At 7 p.m. nearly everyone was aboard the Empress which cruised around West Okoboji.

say 'God, in my social life and in my academic life, not only on Wednesday but also on Saturday, God, I'm going to serve you.'"

Students returned to Dordt Saturday evening, and many had helpful suggestions for future retreats.

"I really had a lot of fun," commented Jan Siebersma. "We didn't do enough Bible study activities; we just did a lot of sports. I think there could have been more emphasis on the spiritual aspect. They didn't seem to bring it out too much."

Freshman Karen Leep said, "It (the retreat) gave everybody a chance to get away and to get acquainted. I liked the free time and the socializing, but there could have been a few more organized sports in the afternoon."

Randy Poel, who has attended the retreat for three years, said, "I liked it, and I met a lot of people. It was a lot of fun. I was disappointed that we didn't get together in smaller groups. There was no real discussion with other kids like in previous years."

"I was disappointed in it," commented Gwen Philipson. "I don't think I'll ever go to it again. I had fun at it, but I expected more activities dealing with spiritual aspects. But if it was mainly for getting acquainted then it probably succeeded in fulfilling that goal."



Arts Department and featuring Dordt alumnus John Schuurman at Camp Okoboji September 7 and 8.

Leaving campus about 3:30 p.m. Friday, most students arrived at Camp Okoboji about 5 p.m. where they then had a light supper with devotions led by Rev. J. B. Hulst. He took his devotional text from the book of Joshua to emphasize making a decision about God.

After supper students were entertained by songs like "Junior Birdmen" and "Grab a Hand" led by Randy Poel, and a skit about life at Dordt College performed by Randy Poel, Rick Poel, Sid Couperus, Gay Visser and Howard Van Mersbergen.

Friday evening students attended a Theater Arts presentation directed by James Koldenhoven, Associate Professor of English. Schuurman, a 1968 graduate

students made their own sundaes, then were led in singing around a bonfire

Before the watermelon feast, Rev. Hulst again led students in devotions out of the book of Joshua. He said that many people make decisions for God out of fear like the child who hears "and the goblins will get you if you don't watch out!" or because they don't want to go to hell, but to heaven. Hulst continued that when Joshua stood at the borderland of Canaan, he asked the people to "choose this day whom you will serve."

Applying this to the student's life, Hulst added, "A decision for God not only means you say I love you, but it also means I



photos by Lyle Breems and Louis Kwantes

by Mike Van Dyke and Sid Couperus.

Saturday morning the students were up at 8 a.m. for breakfast and a one-man performance of Abbott and Costello's "Who's on First?" by Doug Eckardt. Then at 9:30 a.m. students were entertained by John Schuurman performing some of his skits from his one-man shows. Students were also able to participate in some of the skits.

The rest of Saturday morning and afternoon the students were able to enjoy plenty of free time to swim, play tug-of-war, pass



of Dordt who now does one-man shows around the country, participated with other students in various



Update on Signet and Cannon

..... Signet

If history repeats itself, the 1979-80 Signet, Dordt College's yearbook, will not arrive at the publisher's office until late 1980--if then!

Signet 1977-78 was published this past summer, and copies were distributed during registration time. Members of the graduating class of '79 will receive their copies by mail. Innumerable delays and internal complications caused the late release date.

Signet 1978-79, also

complicated by postponements and resignations, remains to be completed, in spite of Editor Dan Zinkand's herculean efforts this past summer. Zinkand, persistent editor, photographer, and lay-out person, said one section of the annual, about 36 pages, remains to be completed. Arrangements for its completion are underway. The publication date has not been set, said Zinkand, but the final pages are scheduled for an early

mailing to the printers. Students will receive their copies!

Having finished two yearbooks, Zinkand stated he prefers to concentrate on other interests. No editor for the 1979-80 Signet was elected in the spring, as is the usual custom.

Eight students came out for the first meeting of Signet, said Lillian Grissen, advisor, but to date no editor has been selected. A student survey taken two years ago indi-

cated a strong interest in the publication of Signet not only as a memoir but also as a pictorial historical record of Dordt College. This apparent interest, suggested Grissen, should be supported by workers willing to prepare the Signet for publication. Unless a staff can be recruited, she said, it is not reasonable to assume there remains strong student interest.

Interested students are invited to call Grissen at Extension 325.

..... Cannon

Members of the Cannon met Monday, September 10 to lay out publication plans for the school year. The Cannon, Dordt College's fine arts magazine, will be published once the first semester and twice the second semester.

The first deadline for entries is October 15, 1979. The staff discussed the importance of contributions from the

student body. Submissions in art, photography, music, creative writing of all types, and critical reviews of productions and publications will be welcomed and considered carefully. All entries must be signed.

Entries may be given to any member of the Cannon staff, deposited in the mailbox of the Media Center, or slipped under the door of the

Cannon office in the SUB.

The staff divided itself into two committees, the Editorial Committee and the Production Committee.

The Editorial Committee, with Hugh Cook as advisor, will discuss and critique all fine art submissions before selection of those to be published in the Cannon.

The Production Committee, with Lillian Grissen as

advisor, will design and lay out the magazine. Plans include the printing of the Cannon at Dordt's press.

Members of the Cannon staff are Gail Altena, Carol Bentz, Ingrid Bestebroer, Rich Eckhardt, Ena Kaastra, Wayne Knight, Faye Meyers, Lynn Pennings, Ralph Thomas, Gerry Vaandering, Pauline Van Biert, Greg VandeKieft and Dianne VanderHoek.

Book-club to begin soon

It is fitting that this anniversary year for Dordt College should bring with it a new development for students. That new development is the Dordt Student Book-club. It is underway this Fall and promises to be a great boon for

book buying people, not just bait for the worms. With assistance in business from Dr. Marvin De Young, the club will offer four or more books each month at a substantial discount to students who will become "members" merely by ordering.

The Dordt Club's concept is a radical break from the "buy or die" approach of most commercial book clubs. In contrast there is no obligation and students will be able to get recreational and reference material at low cost. "Books Briefs" which de-

scribe each month's selection of books will be provided so that members can make critical choices in buying.

On or about September 21st there will be more in the bookstore. What you should do is ask for the "Book Briefs".

Organ dedication held

Although the Chapel was dedicated last Spring, its beautiful organ was finally dedicated on Saturday evening, Sept. 1st.

The service was opened in song by the concert choir and in prayer by Dr. Arnold Boeve. Rev. Haan was given an opportunity to thank all those involved in planning, designing, and building the organ. Mrs. Minnie Dahm presented a testimony stating her reasons for donating the Casa-

vant organ and her hopes for the future.

Others who participated were Mr. Dale Grotenhuis with the Responsive Reading; Mr. Lyle Gritters with the Litany of Dedication; and Rev. Hulst with the Prayer of Dedication.

The Dedication Recital was performed by Dr. Joan Ringerwole, Associate Professor of Music. The recital pieces represented different periods of time, composers, and styles.

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Soccer season kicks off

by Marg Steenberg

The Dordt soccer team is off to a good start this year. After a weekend tournament their record stands at 3 wins and 1 loss. Players got into shape for the season during the one and a half weeks of training. Their training also featured an exhibition game against Northwestern which provided an easy 7-0 victory for Dordt.

The team began the tournament with a 3-1 win over S.D.S.U. After this win, the team had trouble against Creighton, and despite the excellent playing of Dordt, the team was shut out by 3 goals.

Dordt rallied back, how-



ever, with a 5-0 win over Northwestern, and then went on to win their third game by defeating S.D.S.U. once again, this time by a 6-1 margin.

Top scorers for the Dordt team were Ron Zantingh, who had 5 goals, and Len De Bolster, with 3 goals and 2 assists. Mark Kooistra defended the goal for 3 games, while Ken Vanderswaag earned a shut-out when he played goal for one game.

The team will have further opportunity to improve their record this Saturday when they meet Pillsbury in a home game. The game starts at 1:00 p.m. and promises to be an exciting match.



photo by Corwin Slagter

Volleyball set for first meets

by Caryl De Vries

Dordt's volleyball team will meet its first opponents Saturday in non-conference games between Central College and Iowa Westleyan. The matches will be held in Pella, Ia.

The first conference game is on September 27 in Yankton, SD against Mt. Marty and Sioux Empire.

Coach Huisman urges fans to come to the games, especially home games. According to her, "Last year the fans really psyched the Defender Women to victory." The first home game is against Buena Vista and Morningside on October 3.

Dordt's volleyball team is comprised of mostly freshmen. Out of last year's team of fifteen, only four returned. Veterans are: juniors Barb Boer and Irene Vande Pol, and senior Val Schaap. Out of last year's seven freshmen players only Pip Navis returned.

The freshmen making the

squad are: Kathy Bolkema, Helene Haringa, Audrey Richards, Deb Vandenberg, Deb Van Holland, Darla Van Niewenhuizen, Diane Vink, and Cindy Wiersma.

Coach Huisman says the major obstacle to success this year is the inexperience of the freshmen. But she quickly adds, "They're probably the best freshmen volleyball players I've ever had coming in."

The team had only nine days of practice before Saturday's game. But Coach Huisman is looking forward to another successful year at Dordt. "We'll have a strong team, just like always," she says. Dordt's volleyball team had been to state competition every year since the sport began at Dordt seven years ago.

Coach Huisman is being assisted this year by Mrs. Marlys (De Witt) Popma. Marlys, a '78 graduate of Dordt was varsity volleyball captain for three years.

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